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**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
SUPERFUND DIVISION
JULY 1, 2015**

NEW GRANTEE WORKSHOP: During the workshop on June 23-24, EPA Superfund grant specialists met face-to-face with new grantees and a couple of returning grantees. The workshop was a tremendous introduction to the details of the EPA program. **(Talton x7205)**

CDEA RESPONSE TEAM VISIT TO TEXARKANA: Discussions were held with the City of Texarkana regarding their recent three-day visit by a Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance (k6) grantee, Council of Development Finance Agencies, to their community. They were pleased with the results. This was the first team visit conducted nationally. The City of Tulsa is the second Region 6 community to be chosen for a visit. Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDEA) will be in Tulsa on August 4-7, 2014. **(Talton x7205)**

GRANTS MINING PUBLIC WEBSITE” The region 6 web workgroup is working on review and processes with EPA headquarters to finalize the Grants Mining District Public Website. The goal is to have this website available to the public by early August, 2015. **(Talton x7205)**

SAN JACINTO: EPA continues to work with local and county agencies to share information on area press coverage, and the upcoming site inspection visit of the CAP. Recent flooding has brought this site back into public interest. **(Tony Talton x7205)**

HOMESTAKE MINING OPEN HOUSE: The EPA is coordinating the next open house for Homestake Mining. The Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance has requested we move the meeting date to August 13, 2015, to accommodate members' schedules. The open house will detail current site issues and future plans for the Grants Mining District cleanup. **(Talton x7205)**

SPECIAL ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED FOR UNITED NUCLEAR: On May 28, 2015, Respondents paid \$5,485,522.83 as required by the Administrative Settlement and Order on Consent for Remedial Design and Cost Recovery. The entire amount received was deposited to a new special account fund. The funds have been reprogrammed to Region 6, and are currently available for FY 2015 spending. **(Banipal x7324)**

MALONE SERVICE COMPANY SUPERFUND SITE: On June 26, 2015, EPA approved the Phase-One Remedial Action Completion Report. The remedial response is being conducted following a three phase approach. Phase-One construction by the Malone Cooperating Parties (the Responsible Parties) included demolition of structures and tanks, a solidification treatability pilot test, and resurfacing the large berm around an earthen impoundment in preparation of full-scale solidification during Phase-Two. **(Meyer, x6742)**

SOUTH CAVALCADE SUPERFUND SITE: The EPA and the Texas Commission on



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Environmental Quality reviewed the May 2015 Groundwater Remedial Action Report submitted by Beazer East Inc. The EPA has determined that the remedial action has been performed in accordance with the South Cavalcade Record of Decision. The EPA sent a letter on June 24, 2015, approving the Report. The decommissioning of the wells is expected to be completed the week of June 29, 2015. (Meyer, x6742)

E15618-XTO OIL SPILLS; CARTER AND JOHNSTON COUNTIES, OK: EPA OSC and START were activated on Sunday June 28 to respond to multiple oil spills from multiple locations from XTO facilities resulting from the June 2015 flooding. The Responsible Party (RP) reported approximately 2,400 bbls of oil discharged from 11 locations along the Caddo Creek and Washita River, which flows into the northern side of Lake Texoma and the Red River. Flood lines observed indicated flood waters over six feet at most locations. The RP had a cleanup contractor activated and responding. Of the tanks that over turned, only three were displaced downstream. The RP is working to further assess these tanks and recover them and the contents as quickly as possible. (Crossland, x2721)

2015 OK FLOOD ASSESSMENT/CARTER COUNTY OK (WEST OF I-35): The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported flooding and oil spills impacting 18 Sections (approximately 18 miles) along Walnut Creek, Cottonwood Creek and Walnut Bayou, which flow into the Red River on June 24, 2015. OCC indicated multiple Responsible Parties (RPs) in the area were involved and held a meeting to bring all parties to the table. From initial observations, it was determined that a larger assessment of the area and potential impact areas was required. With the wide spread flooding and much of the flood impacted zone being located in remote areas with limited access, it was determined aerial overflight was the needed. The overflight was conducted on June 25, 2015 and identified multiple areas of impact. Assessments located several large pools of oil in the flooded areas surrounding Walnut and Cottonwood Creek. The multiple oil producers disagreed about the source of the oil or who should clean up the oil and none are willing to take responsibility for this oil. With pending rain, EPA activated ERRS contractor and initiated a EPA lead Emergency Removal. (Crossland, x2721)

CIMAREX ENERGY SPILL, BRYAN COUNTY, OK: On June 21 the North Cumberland Levee located in Bryan County, Oklahoma approximately 12 miles east of Madill, overtopped due to several weeks of prolonged and heavy rainfall. The Washita River overtopped the levee and inundated the entire Cumberland Oil Field owned and operated by Cimarex Energy Company. Approximately 75 oil and gas production wells and multiple tank batteries were covered with up to 70 feet of floodwaters. Approximately 50 bbls of crude oil has discharged from heater treaters, but according to Cimarex there is approx. 600 bbls of crude oil stored in tanks underneath the floodwaters. Cimarex is currently conducting oil recovery operations and closely monitoring the flooded area for additional discharges of crude oil. EPA, USACE and OCC are coordinating with Cimarex and monitoring the progress of the response. (Crossland, x2721)

R6 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP): FEMA is planning a multi-agency COOP exercise in October. EPA Region 6 is planning to participate in the voluntary exercise. FEMA has required participants from each agency, including EPA, to complete a series of trainings prior to the exercise. EPA Management Analyst participated in the Inter-Agency Continuity Exercise planning team meeting held June 23 at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Arlington, TX. The next training is TBD. The FY 2015 COOP Awareness Training is now available on eLearning. The required training is intended for all EPA personnel to complete

by July 31, 2015. Additionally, working with the Region 7 COOP coordinator to plan a joint devolution exercise. A regional COOP Exercise is planned for July. **(Crossland, x2721)**

SBA SHIPYARDS, JENNINGS, LA: Additional waste characterization samples of oily sludges were collected on June 11 from all of the containment areas within the buried barge. Analytical results indicated that sludge material sampled in all of the barge containments did not meet the criteria for an Oil Pollution Act (OPA) removal. The oily liquid and solid removal was completed on June 11. As of June 11 an estimated 35 cubic yards of oily contaminated solids and 90,484 gallons of oily liquids were removed and transported off site for disposal. Final quantities of liquid and solid waste material will be determined once ERRS receives final invoices from vendors. **(Crossland, x2721)**

GRANTS MINERAL BELT REMOVALS, CIBOLA/McKINLEY COUNTY, NM - CROSSROADS RADIOLOGICAL SITE, NEAR SAN MATEO, NM: Disposal of the removal action derived contaminated soil/debris has been completed. All restoration (backfill) and removal related damage repairs have been completed. Final demobilization process and final close out of field operations on this Site was completed close of business July 2, 2015. There are no further residential removal actions pending in the Grants Mineral Belt at this time. **(Crossland, x2721)**

CAMP MINDEN, MINDEN, LA: A public meeting was held June 30, 2015 to discuss the Contained Burn System selected for the site remediation. **(Crossland, x2721)**
Current fact sheets and the Camp Minden Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate Requirements (ARAR) Letter have been added to the Camp Minden public homepage. **(Talton x7205)**

MACMILLAN RING FREE OIL COMPANY SUPERFUND SITE: On July 6, 2015, the EPA will start the Remedial Investigation field activities to identify contamination and site-related threats to human health and the environment. EPA will collect surface/subsurface soil, ground water, surface water and sediment samples for laboratory analysis and install 10 new ground water monitoring wells. During these activities, the Remedial Project Manager will continue to coordinate with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the Mayor of Norphlet. The site is contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbons and metals. **(Meyer, x6742)**

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